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The Everglades News

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SIMON ANALYZES REPLY TO QUERIES

Owns High and Dry Land That State Officials May Try To Sell As Lake Bottom

BOARD'S SPOKESMAN IS FOUND TO SIDE-STEP

Statements From Tallahassee Avoid Discussion of Question At Issue

To the Editor of The Everglades News:

One more article relative to lake shore land owners and I will close so far as Mr. Hunter's articles are concerned.

I had understood that Mr. Hunter had gone to Tallahassee, solely in the interest of his friends and neighbors of Pahokee, looking after their rights and interests relative to their claims of lake shore land ,giving his time and labor freely without money or price and paying his own expenses. If true this certainly was a magnanimous and neighborly act.

With this understanding I thought it a fine opportunity to bring before the land owners bordering the lake a clear, concise understanding of their rights through questions asked their friend Mr. Hunter, who was supposed to be in Tallahassee especially for that specific purpose; but to my great surprise Mr. Hunter's articles demonstrated that he was not in Tallahassee for that purpose, but on the contrary he was using his talent and efforts to induce his neighbors to purchase their inherent rights instead of defending and making them clear.

The spokesman even went so far in his zeal for his neighbors, as to spill the beans and admitted he was advising his friends to buy to the 17-foot lake level and there their rights would end and when the lake was lowered, if they wanted any further rights they would have to buy them from the I. I. board and agree to make certain improvements as a part of the consideration, which might be excessive and prove to be beyond the average one's ability to do. Here is where the spokesman forgets his charity to his friends and neighbors.

Contrast this procedure with the person who fails to purchase and when the lake is lowered his inherent right follows the receding water, no matter whether natural or artificial causes bring it about. In the first instance the purchaser is left high and dry at the famous 17-foot level and according to the spokesman and the powers that be he is estopped in any further procedure.

The spokesman's answer in the issue of August 6 to the workable lake level of 15 feet agreed upon by the I. I. board and the War Department is misleading and does not tell all the facts. Why did he not further state that if it became necessary for proper drainage the board would be permitted to go to as low as 12 or 13 feet? The board insisted in 1921 it was necessary to lower the lake to 14 feet to be out of flood danger, as the land had settled from two to four feet. If this was necessary five years ago on account of the muck settling it is evident the muck land has settled more since and therefore the necessity of lowering the lake much below 14 feet. Was the board's policy right in 1921? We think it was. Is their policy right in 1926? We say no.

The spokesman's reasons for a 17-foot lake level are frivilous and are not taken seriously by anyone who has given close personal attention to conditions and if maintained we can count on ruinous floods as long as this policy is pursued.

We take it that the spokesman speaks with the authority of the I. I. board when he says the lake level will be maintained at from 15 to 17 feet and our experience is that it will be mostly 17-foot level.

We are wondering who and why the 1921 policy of 14 feet was changed. Is this being kept a secret? Could it be possible that the head of some eastern syndicate is behind the present policy or has suggested it for selfish reasons and that others not directly interested in the Everglades, for similar reasons, have intentionally or unintentionally aided in such a policy which has and will continue to be disastrous to the Everglades farmer?

The Everglades farmers demand a change of this policy and if necessary to bring it about it will not be strange if they demand a change in those members of the board who are responsible for that policy.

If the I. I. board needed an everlasting object lesson of the destructive policy they seem to hold to so tenaciously they ought to have been on the shores of Lake Okeechobee during or after the recent storm. I am wondering if they visited the scene and took

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Cunninghamii Proper Pine For Road Sides

Australian pines are the best trees for roadside plantings and the Casuarina Cunninghamii is the best variety of pine, says W. D. Sturrock, proprietor of the Exotic Gardens.

Mr. Sturrock assisted in laying out the Deering estates in Dade county and has handled the landscaping on many other large estates on the ocean front and in the interior of South Florida. The Cunninghamii is a hardy tree, he says. It is not the same as the kind that resists ocean spray. Another good tree for roadside planting, he says, is the silk oak. He advises that the trees be planted 30 feet apart.

RAILROAD WORK DELAYED BY RAINS

Schedule of A Mile of Track-Laying This Week Held Up By Soft Grade

Shift in the direction of currents of water in Pahokee district, the water rising instead of continuing to fall and tending to soften the muck fill for the Florida East Coast railroad's extension from Canal Point to Hillsboro canal, delayed the time in the week when the laying of rails was to be resumed.

The schedule was to lay a mile of steel this week. On Tuesday afternoon when the editor of The Everglades News rode a "dirt train" to the scene of construction the track was found to end at the north line of section 29, township 42, range 37. To say that it is near land farmed by Dr. W. H. Lair of Pahokee will identify the location to residents of this section.

The track south of that point—ahead of the point at which the trainload of sand was dumped—was too soft to risk on it the weight of a locomotive. There was hope, however, that the grade to the end of the track could be made solid enough for the locomotive to move on by the end of the week. Trains are backed in and unloaded, even a "green" grade being solid enough to hold the weight of a flat car.

At least four dumpings of sand are made on the muck fill before a locomotive is trusted on it.

At Belle Glade Monday afternoon the editor of The Everglades News saw the smoke of a Bryan & Holloway dredge that is making the muck fill for the railroad grade.

Big Wild Hogs Seen on Way To Belle Glade

E. J. Jackson walked Monday forenoon from Pahokee to Belle Glade, on the grade of the road that is to be built between those towns. He took his gun and dog and walked leisurely and made the distance between 8 o'clock in the morning and noon, he says. On section 8, the Freeman place, he saw a man plowing; that was the only dry land he noticed. He saw some very large wild hogs and it was hard to keep his dog from chasing them.

BELLE GLADE

Jos. Seymour has just built a residence for himself and a tenant house for his help.

Lumber is being hauled to the school grounds for the new grade building. Lumber has been delivered for the new colored school.

S. W. Hunt and family, who farmed on the Captain Wertz place last year, have moved to Vineland, Fla.

Charles Richards has returned from Orlando, where he has been for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Freeman have returned from their honeymoon, and are staying at the hotel for the present. Mrs. Freeman will be remembered as Miss Dragna Cunningham.

We learn that Miss Lucile Byles, who taught in the schools here last year, was recently married at Valdosta, Ga.

Unable to sceure a house here, Mr. and Mrs. F. DuChaine have taken an apartment in West Palm Beach. Mr. DuChaine will continue his work here.

Some planting has been done but the grasshoppers continue to eat up every thing in sight.

The other Bryan & Holloway dredge moved in Saturday, and is working on the railroad grade.

BRIGHTON SCHOOL HOUSE

BRIGHTON, Sept. 11.—A contract has been awarded by the Curtiss-Bright Company for the erection of the first unit of a school house in Brighton. The first unit will contain four rooms, each with a capacity of about 30 pupils. It will cost approximately $15,000 and will be ready in November. The other units will be added as the need arises. The school will serve children in Brighton and those living on farms nearby, thus saving the 18-mile trip eastward to Okeechobee.

ALL GLADES NOT IN DIKE PUMP AREAS FLOODS; DRAINAGE BOARD DAWDLES

100 Per Cent Discharge From St. Lucie Canal But All Equipment To Be Held There Although West Palm Beach Canal Overflows Farms

By Howard Sharp.

The drainage board and the chief engineer of Everglades drainage district have refused to transfer the suction dredge Culebra to West Palm Beach canal. The refusal is on the ground that the high level of the lake requires use of the Culebra in St. Lucie canal.

The lake is truly at a level so high as to make a perilous situation in the event of a storm. Consciousness of the board and the engineer that the lake is at a perilous height ought to lead them to EMPLOY ADDITIONAL DREDGES.

For the moment I have failed in an effort to get work speeded up on West Palm Beach canal so the canal can run flood waters TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN **INSTEAD** of onto farm land and INTO LAKE OKEECHOBEE. I have failed because my effort was not sufficiently supported by persons who ought to help the effort to get West Palm Beach canal put into condition immediately to discharge the rain water that runs into it. Larger discharge by West Palm Beach canal would help Canal Point, Pahokee, Chosen, Belle Glade, South Bay and Okeelanta.

Chief Engineer F. C. Elliot has again pulled the wool over the eyes of the five state officials who were made commissioners of Everglades Drainage District by an act of the Legislature.

A letter from A. L. Mathews, of the Palm Beach Everglades Farms Company, owning land in Gladeview sub drainage district, and a letter from Chief Engineer Elliot and an excerpt from minutes of the drainage board are printed herewith.

Against all the conclusions stated there, I maintain that one way among others to lower Lake Okeechobee is to clean out West Palm Beach canal and let the rain waters run to the Atlantic Ocean instead of flowing back and bursting open the spillway at Canal Point and running into the lake.

Lake Okeechobee cannot be lowered effectively by running water into it through canals that ought to carry water off.

It is 22 miles from 20-mile bend in West Palm Beach canal to Lake Worth, an arm of the Atlantic Ocean, and even if Mr. Mathews does agree with Chief Drainage Engineer, I manitain that **22 miles from 20-mile bend is shorter** than 25 miles from Lake Okeechobee to Lock 2 in St. Lucie canal.

A large suction dredge ought to have been put in West Palm Beach canal as soon as or while the dipper dredge Caloosahatchee was working there. If West Palm Beach canal is ever to be finished the work ought to be under way now and there should not be a delay of five or six months or five or six years.

If the district hasn't money enough to do the work the district is bankrupt. If it is bankrupt it has been bankrupted by the commissioners. If money for the completion of West Palm Beach canal can be raised two or three months from now IT CAN BE RAISED NOW. If the money cannot be raised now, all of the promises of the Board and the chief engineer to Mr. Mathews and Mr. McGriff and Mr. Patterson ARE LIES.

The chief engineer says, and the Board accepts his statement, that with three dredges operating in St. Lucie canal, that canal will have 100 per cent discharge in two or three weeks. That was said on September 7. That being the case, why hold the Culebra in St. Lucie canal after it has 100 per cent discharge and West Palm Beach canal is NOT TAKING THE LOCAL RAINFALL?

The tomato crop that comes off in April and May is an important crop. Provision should be made now, in September, against possible flood conditions six months hence. There IS time if the commissioners will order the chief engineer to make use of the time.

I have not advised taking any dredge out of North New River canal—taking a dredge out of that canal is Chief Engineer Elliot's plan.

I have failed to get immediate action for more work in West Palm Beach canal **but the Board and the chief engineer have been put on record** with promises—of whatever value—that another dredge will be put to work there.

West Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 10, 1926.
Mr. Howard Sharp, Canal Point, Fla.,

Dear Mr. Sharp: Am today in receipt of a letter from Mr. Elliot enclosing copy of the minutes of the board of commissioners of Everglades drainage district meeting held September 7th, 1926, copy of which I am enclosing. The minutes are self-explanatory and I see no particular reason for commenting on the same.

I am also enclosing copy of the letter received from Mr. Elliot in transmitting the minutes. You will be able to form your own opinion as to whether there is any possibility of securing another dredge in the West Palm Beach canal at an early date.

Yours very truly,
A. L. MATHEWS.

State of Florida
Everglades Drainage District
Engineering Department
Tallahassee, Fla., Sept. 7, 1926.

Mr. A. L. Mathews, 411 Guaranty Bldg.,
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Mathews: Your letter of September 3rd in reference to transfer of dredge Culebra to West Palm Beach canal as suggested by Mr. Sharp has been received.

This subject was taken up with the board this morning through copy of telegram from Mr. Sharp to Messrs. Patterson and McGriff, forwarded by them to the board. The action of the board in reference to this subject is indicated by the inclosed copy of minutes.

I believe that you will agree that a given amount of work in a canal 23 miles long would have great effect upon discharging water from Lake Okeechobee than the same amount of work in a canal 42 miles long. Also, within the next two or three weeks, with all three dredges operating in Saint Lucie canal it is expected that nearly 100 per cent discharge will be attained; whereas it would require several months before appreciable effect could be had on West Palm Beach canal by transferring the dredge Culebra at the present time. The West Palm Beach canal will fall rapidly after the heavy rains let up, whereas many months will be required for lowering Lake Okeechobee. This is a case where the board is certain that the most good can be accomplished by keeping the Culebra where it now is. Also, the placing of the dredge Federal in West Palm Beach canal in a short time, together with the work the dredge Reclaimer will do, should place the West Palm Beach canal in condition by next rainy season for discharging at a greatly increased capacity.

In reference to the dredge Culebra having been constructed for work in West Palm Beach canal, this dredge was built by a contractor who, at that time, had contracts on West Palm Beach canal, on Florida Coast Line canal, and for certain fills near Palm Beach. The latter was the first work done by the dredge Culebra. The contractor later transferred the dredge to the West Palm Beach canal. Upon completion of this contract the board bought this dredge for general work in Everglades drainage district. The board have never purchased or built any dredge for any particular or single job, but have and will use any machine which they own or lease on any project which, in their opinion, circumstances justify.

I trust the above will afford you information requested in your letter.

With best wishesh, I am,

Very truly yours,
F. C. ELLIOT,
Chief Drainage Engineer.

Memorandum of Minutes—Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District, September 7, 1926.

Telegram to Governor Martin signed "Patterson and McGriff," which was a copy of a telegram to Messrs. Patterson and McGriff from Howard Sharp, was read requesting removal of the dredge Culebra from work on which it is now engaged in Saint Lucie canal for work in West Palm Beach canal on the ground that the work which could be accomplished in West Palm Beach canal would enable the lowering of Lake Okeechobee and also the lowering of water levels in West Palm Beach canal.

The chief drainage engineer advised that in so far as the lowering of water level in West Palm Beach canal is concerned, the work which could be done in the remaining two months of the rainy season would have some slight effect on this canal, but that nothing could be accomplished in so far as the lake is concerned, for the reason that the full discharge capacity of West Palm Beach canal would be required for taking care of drainage from the lands tributary to the canal. Consequently whatever benefit, if any, which might result would be of a local nature. As to work in Saint Lucie canal, there are now three dredges, the work for which is so arranged that each will complete its quota at the required time to permit the earliest full use of this canal as a controlling canal for Lake Okeechobee. That since the flow through Saint Lucie canal is practically twice as rapid as through West Palm Beach canal, every cubic yard of material dug from Saint Lucie canal will produce approximately twice the discharge as through West Palm Beach canal, and furthermore, since the Saint Lucie canal through the lowering of Lake Okeechobee would affect the entire area around the lake, greater benefit would result in continuing work with the dredge Culebra in the Saint Lucie canal where it now is.

In view of the foregoing, and since all parties in the Everglades who have expressed themselves on the subject have favored completing the construction of the Saint Lucie canal at the earliest date, the board of commissioners of Everglades drainage district are of the opinion that it would be unwise to move the dredge Culebra from this canal to the West Palm Beach canal, or any other, prior to the completion of the Saint Lucie canal.

The board having authorized the completion of work on West Palm Beach canal, were of the opinion that it would be preferable to engage an additional dredge on this work provided the finances of the board would enable them so to do. For this purpose the board anticipates transfrering the dredge Federal from North New River canal to West Palm Beach canal for assisting the dredge Reclaimer. Estimated time for completion of North New River canal contract by dredge Federal is approximately three to four months, after which available for [illegible] on West Palm Beach canal.

Dredge Herrick Digs St. Lucie Canal Rock

The Arundel Corporation's dipper dredge Governor Herrick was digging at a point in St. Lucie canal four miles east of the lake when the editor of The Everglades News went to the canal Saturday afternoon to see what progress had been made in the preceding two weeks. St. Lucie canal is nine miles north of Canal Point. The Herrick had moved one-half mile toward the lake in the two weeks from Saturday, August 28, to Saturday, September 11.

Three weeks ago the Herrick was dumping its dipper on the south side of the canal; last week it was digging rock and dumping it on the north side of the canal. Although it is the largest dredge in the district and has the longest boom, the width of the canal is such that when it is working in the channel it cannot dump its dipper on the canal bank.

The point at which the Herrick was working Saturday afternoon is two miles east of the Port Mayaca Mercantile Company's store, the store being two miles from the lake.

Between the dredge and the lake are islands, located closer to the north side of the canal than to the south side.

Seemingly the Herrick was at a point Saturday afternoon where the rock was closer to the surface than at point back of it, for the height of the pile of excavated material was greater where the dredge was working than back of it.

PEOPLE WE KNOW

Moore Haven Democrat: W. B. Young has been bringing in roasting ears and guavas and will begin picking beans next week. Mr. Young has a number of acres ready to plant in vegetables. He is one of the largest truckers in this section.

Okeechobee News: Tom O'Brien of Clewiston was in Okeechobee Friday in the interest of the Gulf-Waterways Association.

Mayor Tom Conley of Okeechobee has returned from a visit to Marianna, Fla.

From West Palm Beach comes an order to send The Everglades News to D. C. Culp, 231 W. William street, Decatur, Ill. Mr. Culp was a resident of Pahokee for several years, selling his ridge lot and farm to W. D. Sturrock of the Exotic Gardens two years ago.

Dike Breaks

The lake shore dike between Hillsboro canal and North New River canal broke Thursday morning, according to word that reached Canal Point yesterday just before noon.

The break probably was caused by wind raising water in the lake. There was a 6-foot head on the lake side of the dike, the pumps having lowered water on farm land inside the dike.

Fear was expressed at Belle Glade Monday that the dike would not hold.

ROAD OILING LET TO E. F. POWERS CO.

Contract For Finishing From 20-Mile Bend To Belle Glade Is Awarded

PRICE FOR 17 MILES OF WORK SET AT $137,333.20

J. M. Cromer Also Bidder; Discussion On Route and Cost Of Ocean Boulevard

The following report of the meeting of the board of county commissioners is from the Palm Beach Post of Thursday:

Accepting the aid of an ocean boulevard committee selected by the Chamber of Commerce, the county commissioners yesterday refused funds for employment of a disinterested engineer to make a comprehensive survey and instead instructed County Engineer Lake Boyd to co-operate with the committee.

The board awarded $137,333.20 contract to E. F. Powers Construction Company for finishing and oiling 17 miles of cross-state highway from 20-mile bend to Belle Glade, and a $23,943.21 contract to McVay Lindsay & Son for reshaping and resurfacing one mile of Military Trail, extending from West Palm Beach canal to Belvedere road.

C. W. Carroll, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee, denied any of the members has any change of Ocean Boulevard route in mind, but said there may be places on the boulevard where cost of maintaining the present highway will be prohibitive.

Jake Boyd, county engineer, was questioned, with the evident design of learning whether he does not believe the boulevard should be diverted in certain sections. He refused an opinion, declaring an extensive survey has not been made because the county does not have funds at this time to start permanent repairs.

In asking that immediate relief be given traffic between Lake Worth and Lantana, Mr. Carroll stated that E. M. Brelsford, owner of the Manalapan development, is reluctant to grant a right-of-way beside the road washed away, but will donate a temporary right-of-way leading westward along the lake.

Engineer Boyd declined to consider the latter proposition on the grounds that a temporary road along the diverted route will cost approximately as much as rebuilding the old road temporarily. He deemed it advisable to maintain the present boulevard route.

Slight dissension arose between the commissioners and J. M. Cromer when the board awarded contract for the cross-state highway improvement work to Powers Construction Company, apparently rejecting the bid of Mr. Cromer, which was $24.40 lower than the bid submitted by the successful contractor. Mr. Cromer's estimate was $137,308.80.

The board announced officially that a mistake had been made in totaling the bids, but decided to make its first action final.

Thomas F. Dempsey presided over the meeting in the absence of Chairman Joseph E. Bell, who is on his vacation.

Good Coon Propects

There is prospect of good business in coon hides when the coon hunting season opens in about 60 days. Jack Oliver, hardware salesman, says he has sold more game traps than in any previous season. Miss Maud Wingfield, who runs a general store at Ritta on the southwest side of the lake, retails more coon and otter traps than any other dealer in this region.

Last year most of the coon hunters were in the real estate business; they will go back from that avocation to their proper vocation this fall and their number will be augmented by truckers whose land is too wet to farm.

Wet seasons are more productive of coons than are dry seasons, and coons are more easily caught when the country is wet. Female coons carry their young about the same length of time a female dog does, that is, about three months, and the early explorers of coon prospects say all the evidences are of a big crop of young coons.

State Shipped 74,371 Cars

JACKSONVILLE, Sept. 11.—During the season September 1, 1925 to July 20, 1926, a total of 74,371 carloads of perishables were shipped from Florida, according to the report of L. M. Rhodes, commissioner of the state marketing bureau.

Approximately, Mr. Rhodes estimated 750,000 boxes of citrus were consumed in the state and canning factories used 435,000 boxes.

The commercial citrus crop moved out by rail, express and [illegible] [illegible] 14,694,120 boxes.

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State Attorney General
J. B. Johnson
Justice of Supreme Court
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Group 2—Eugene S. Matthews
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Group 1—Sidney J. Catts, Jr.
Group 2—R. E. Oliver
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District 2—A. L. Mathews
District 3—John J. Williams
District 4—T. M. O'Neill
District 5—Howard Sharp
School Board
District 1—A. S. Andersen
District 2—F. J. Laird
District 3—J. R. Cason
Criminal Court Clerk
Elmore J. Cohen

THE FACTS SPEAK

West Palm Beach canal at Canal Point was at elevation 17.1 feet above sea level at noon Thursday, September 9.

It was at elevation 18.4 at noon Sunday, September 12.

The canal rose a foot and a third in three days.

Why did it do so? The breaks in the lake levee had been closed, the only water to raise the canal was rain water. How much rain fell in that time?

On Thursday, September 9, twelve-hundredths of an inch of rain fell at Canal Point, 1.16 at Gladeview Farms and one-third of an inch at Belle Glade Experiment Station.

On Friday: Canal Point .32 inch, at Gladeview .53, at Experiment Station .83.

On Saturday: Canal Point .45 inch, at Gladeview 3.87, at Experiment Station .77.

Less than four inches of rain in three days flooded the country.

These were not abnormally heavy rains for this season, but relatively small as they were they checked the progress of drainage and lengthened by weeks the time hundreds of acres of land could be farmed. Tens of thousands of dollars loss was caused because West Palm Beach canal ran water in the opposite direction from which it should run water. The canal ran the water the wrong way because the commissioners of Everglades Drainage District obdurately delay the completion of the canal.

HELPFUL SUGGESTION

The Tampa Tribune, as alert to record the important happenings in its field as The Everglades News is in its notes and comments on the fact that this newspaper made an enumeration of bath tubs in the Glades and rewarded the possessors of lawn mowers and offers now to award a year's subscription to each and every newly-wed couple in the Lake Okeechobee region.

The Everglades News' next scheme, the Tribune thinks, ought to be a cradle and high chair census.

The suggestion has been taken under consideration. We apprehend that such a census would make a grand and glorious showing.

Will the present decade produce any women of such greatness that their memory and appearance will be perpetuated in statues? The Centennial number of the Christian Advocate prints a picture of the statue of Frances E. Willard as it stands in the Hall of Statuary in the capitol at Washington. Miss Willard in the statue is fully clothed. What will the great woman of 1926 look like in marble or bronze, with knee-length skirt and sleeveless waist? If the statuary to represent modern woman is maintained for faithful representation of her appearance, a crew of janitors will be required, equipped with whitewash brushes and buckets of the kind of red paint that Hans Stein used on the roof of his house at Hillsboro lock.

George Graham Currie of West Palm Beach, who died in that city last week, was secretary of the Everglades Good Roads League when that organization brought about the creation of Special Road and Bridge District No. 11 and the election for the first bond issue. He was a fine man in every respect; he lived a full life and died possessed of the affection of every one who was privileged to know him.

A correspondent inquires why we repeat and emphasize the fact that the commissioners of Everglades Drainage District were appointed under an act of the Legislature. The answer is that we want to correct the impression that the commissioners inherited the office by royal descent or became possessed of it under direct appointment by Almighty God.

Harry U. Daugherty, attorney general in Harding's cabinet, on trial for conspiracy and other crimes, looks guilty in the pictures of him that are printed. He wears a derby hat.

TOO MANY DUTIES

On September 11 the editor of The Everglades News sent a telegram to Hon. J. C. Luning, State Treasurer and member of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

The telegram related to flood conditions in the Everglades. It was sent at the suggestion of residents and after consultation and reflection.

The telegram was received in Mr. Luning's office in Tallahassee during his absence from the office. He was away on an official trip of inspection of state institutions. At a time when an official of Everglades Drainage District should be in position to give attention to the affairs of the district, the performance of other duties prevented it. Mr. Luning, the State Treasurer, has too many duties.

Hon. Ernest Amos, State Comptroller, is another Trustee of the Internal Improvement Fund and member of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District. He is in charge of the state banks of Florida, a number of which failed recently. Probably the failures would have been averted if he had time to attend to those duties which relate to proper regulation of the banks. Failure of the banks under the conditions widely known, if he had time for that part of his duties, was a negligence that is not easily excused.

A few months ago the then Attorney General listed the many Boards and Commissions of which he was a member, including the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

Hon. Nathan Mayo has made known his repugnance to being saddled with so many duties. It is popularly understood he would not object to being relieved of membership on the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District.

The Florida Times-Union of Jacksonville points out that Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo has too many duties. It urges that he be relieved of some of them. The Everglades News agrees heartily with what the Times-Union says. What the Times-Union says is applicable to a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners of Everglades Drainage District. The Times-Union article follows:

TOO MANY DUTIES

Florida's commissioner of agriculture has too many duties to perform ,some of them no more related to agriculture than is the practice of phrenology. It is too much to expect one man to render such a multiplicity of services as the Florida commissioner of agriculture is required to perform, and to give to every function assigned to him by the law of the state, or by custom, that complete and satisfying service that reasonably the people have a right to expect.

Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo frequently has called attention to the numerous duties he is required to perform, in his department and in others of the state government. He has not complained, for he knew when he took office what was required of the commissioner of agriculture. But he has pointed out, and with justification, that there are too many matters, outside those relating strictly to agriculture, to which that official is required to give personal attention.

Why, for instance, should Florida's commissioner of agriculture have anything to do with the department of prisons and prisoners? Surely ,comparatively few prisoners come from the country sections of the state, and probably least of all from the farms. Therefore, and especially in view of the growing importance of Florida agriculture, why should the state's commissioner of agriculture have anything to do with the state's prisoners? Or why should the commissioner of agriculture be obliged to give much of his time to various other affairs of the state that are not strictly in the line of agriculture?

In a supplement to the quarterly bulletin of the Florida Department of Agriculture for 1922 are set forth the various duties imposed by the laws of the state on the commissioner of agriculture. He is officially a member of the following boards and commissions:

Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, Board of Pardons, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT, TRUSTEES OF INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, State Live Stock Sanitary Board, and State Text-Book Commission.

The divisions of the office of the commissioner of agriculture as designated by law are as follows:

Division of Agriculture and Immigration; also conducts Census Bureau and Enumeration of State Resources, Division of Pure Food and Drugs, Stock Feed, Fertilizers and Citrus Fruits; Division of Land, Division of Field Notes, Division of Prison, Division of Shellfish Commisson, Division of Chemistry, Division of Oil Inspection, Division of State Market Bureau.

After readng the above list of duties devolving on the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, can there be any doubt about the justice of relieving him of many of these duties and especially of those not directly related to agriculture.

Since the laws were passed with reference to the office of Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, the state has grown enormously, agriculturally. It is quite enough to expect of any one man that he give all his time to agricultural matters with which, properly, the sttae is concerned. Agricultural commissioners in the past probably had not enough to do to concern themselves exclusively with the state's agricultural development. Recently, however, the commissioner of agriculture has had more than he can do even though he gives his time to agricultural interests alone.

It is not reasonable to expect the very best work from any one man who has so many duties to demand his time and attention as has Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture. No large industrial plant, for instance, would expect its manager or superintendent to give time and attention to so many outside enterprises as is required of the commissioner of agriculture, who is in charge of Florida's one greatest industry, that of the state's agriculture.

Isn't it time that the law should be changed to provide that Florida's commissioner of agriculture shall devote all his time exclusively to this one industry?

The Board of Commissioner of Everglades Drainage District has an attorney; the service of the Attorney General of the state on the board is hardly necessary.

Possibly the Governor should remain a member of the board; certainly, however, continuance of the present form of administration of Everglades Drainage District is impossible.

Chief Engineer Elliot can be counted upon to oppose change in the composition of the Board, for the inclusion of new members, resident in Everglades Drainage District, would call for transfer of the office of the Board to a point closer to the scene of the work. Mr. Elliot runs Everglades Drainage District. He does so because the members of the Board cannot give time enough to the Board's affairs to know what's going on in the district; they are compelled to rely on him. Governor Martin has to rely on F. C. Elliot. It is F. C. Elliot and not Governor John W. Martin who is the head of Everglades drainage. The tail wags the dog.

UNEQUAL FARM RELIEF

The far larger number of vegetable growers in the Everglades are Democrats—Democrats by conviction, because they regard the Republican practice of unequal distribution of tariff benefits as iniquitious and because they are opposed to subsidies, which also are not applied equitably. It is interesting to note that the monthly trade publication, The Market Growers Journal, published at Louisville, Ky., opposes the McNary-Haugen bill which is sponsored by a group of Western Republican Senators as an aid to the grain grower.

The Vegetable Growers Journal does not oppose such farm relief measures as are sound and practicable; it points out, however, that subsidies involve costly and unwieldly administrative machinery and are not practicable of application to the smaller as well as the larger farm groups.

The vegetable grower buys bread and other foodstuffs just like a factory hand, and if Congress raises the price of bread to help the wheat grower it hurts the vegetable grower.

Everglades vegetables come in competition with vegetables grown in Cuba, the Isle of Pines and Mexico. If this is all right, the grain growers of the west are hardly entitled to any form of relief that will hurt the vegetable growers.

Comptroller Ernest Amos has had one of his bank examiners file with the circuit court a copy of the report of the condition of the failed Palm Beach Bank & Trust Company. He might as well have filed a cross-word puzzle having a five-letter word meaning "stall."

AS OUTSIDERS SEE THE EVERGLADES

By Kenneth Roberts In "Sun Dodgers"

"Of the Everglades And Of The Two Seasons Obtaining In That Damp Locality—And of Grass, Fancy and Otherwise.

"Off to the west of Miami lie the Everglades, first made famous by the Seminole war, when the United States army spent upward of fifteen years trying to chase the Seminoles out of the Everglades but seldom saw more than three Seminoles at one time. The Everglades, not so long ago, was an enormous shallow lake eight thousand square miles in area, dotted with half-submerged islands out of which grew giant whiskered live oaks and countless varieties of tropical plants. The alligator basked in its shadowed streams; and the graceful panther lurked among the undergrowth, constantly ready to emit a bloodcurdling scream calculated to make the hardiest intruder think longingly of home and mother. Exploration was made almost impossible by a saw-toothed grass which grew throughout the Everglades and extended several feet above the water, so that the person who tried to force his way through it would cut everything to shreds up to and including his eyebrows. People talked for years of draining the Everglades; but such talk was usually received with screams of laughter that rivaled the yells of the Everglades panthers.

"Several years ago the State of Florida settled down in earnest to the systematic draining of the Everglades. Canals were cut, giant locks were installed to control the water level, and the land was cleared. Thousands of acres are being reclaimed each year, settlers are moving in constantly, and the reclaimed land is yielding vegetables and fruits of a size and quality to make a Maine farmer shake his head dubiously and wonder whether that last batch of licker that the sheriff sent him had affeced his eyes. The soil is a rich black muck which has resulted from centuries of decaying vegetation; and anything that will grow will grow about twice as large and twice as rapidly in the Everglades as it will anywhere else. There used to be only two seasons in the Everglades—wet and wetter; but now there is a dry season; and in the course of a few years, when the fruit-trees begin to bear, the Everglades alone will be in a position to supply every northern city throughout the winter with all the newfangled and oldfangled fruits and vegetables that can be desired.

"The thousands of farmers who have retired from active farming and are occupying their winters by absorbing the sun in Miami and pitching horseshoes in Royal Palm Park become fearfully excited over the various varieties of grass that are raised in the Everglades lands. Grass is not a thing that one would expect to mention at any length in a casual dissertation on a winter resort; but the excessive wonderment over it on the part of the horseshoe pitchers requires some mention of grass. It appears that some of the grasses that have come in thick enough to get themselves talked about are Para, Bermuda, Rhodes, Natal, Sudan, St. Lucie, St. Augustine, Napier, Broom, Sage, Guatemalan, Panicum, Crab grass, Maiden cane, Billion Dollar grass and several others. There seems to be everything but just plain grass. The chief idea of the farmers seems to be that with all this grass, the Florida stock raisers can have evergreen pasturage, and cattle can be fed on about a third of the space that they need in the north."

HE PROMOTED DEL VERDE

MIAMI, Sept. 13.—The case of John Rossell, promoter of Del Verde, in which the revocation of brokerage license is sought, was continued until September 20 by County Judge W. F. Blanton yesterday. The motion of Bart A. Riley, attorney for Rossell, for a bill of particulars was granted. The defendant's attorney first attempted to quash the bill, then he offered a demurrer and then asked for a continuance and bill of particulars. He said that the allegations of the Florida Real Estate commission were not specific.

LIFE IN THE GLADES

From The Tampa Tribune.

Editor Howard Sharp of The Everglades News, Canal Point, on Lake Okeechobee, has ideas of his own on promoting development of that section of Palm Beach county. Several months ago he conducted a bathtub census, awarding a subscription for each bathtub reported in the Everglades, tin tubs and hand basins not eligible. The next step in the pursuit of progress and civilization was a census of lawn mowers. "Professionals" of such towns as Moore Haven and Okeechobee City were barred.

Now Mr. Sharp, who is nominee for county commissioner besides being editor, offers a year's subscription to every newly-wed couple in that end of the county. He failed to state whether repeaters can get a second year's subscription.

His next scheme ought to be a cradle and high-chair census.

HOW OLD IS ANNE ?

Okeechobee News: We did not suspect that Howard Sharp of The Everglades News was so very old, but you never can tell in these days of beauty parlors and cosmetics. But here is Sharp's own confession printed in the last issue of his paper: "When men are old enough to understand women they aren't interested in them any more."

NOT LIKE A SOBER HUSBAND

Sam and Bill were old cronies who had not seen each other for years. They met, stayed downtown for dinner and talked of the golden days. Finally, Bill said: "Sam, you haven't said anything about your wife; is there anything the trouble?"

"No, not exactly," said Sam.

"Listen," said Bill, catching the tone of Sam's voice, "tonight when you go home, take her a pound of candy, carry her a box of flowers like you used to do; tell her she is a great little pard, and I'll bet if you'll do that, you will soon be happier at home."

Sam liked the idea. He bought the materials to put it into effect. He arrived home at 11 o'clock, kicked the door bashfully, and hallooed for entrance. The dear wife came.

"Honeysuckle, dear, hello," said Sam. "How is my sweetie tonight?"

Sadly she looked up at him and quietly she told him this:

"I've had a terrible time today. Bob fell down and almost broke his leg. The washerwoman didn't show up. The grocery didn't send the order. The clothesline broke and all the things had to be washed again. Jimmy is sick—and here, on top of it all, like the brute you are, you come home drunk!"

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that P. J. Johns purchaser of Tax Certfiicate No. 3589, dated the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1915, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 1 block 259 Lake Worth. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Aug T. Johnson. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2977, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 18 block 73 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Annie Doten Manson. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that Jas. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3404, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 11 block 243 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Virginia B. Beuchler. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Farm Talk

Howard Sharp

ANSWERING AN INQUIRY

To the Editor:—

In The Everglades News of September 11 there was published an inquiry about the moonvine, asking if the moonflower is a legume and what its probable food value is.

The first part of the question is easily answered; the moonflower is not a legume as can be readily shown by the shape of the blossom. All legumes with the exception of the Mimosas have a characteristic blossom the shape of the sweet pea flower. The flowers of the various legumes of course vary as to size and arrangement, there being all sizes from very small to an inch or more in diameter and they may be solitary as in the Clitoria (Butter fly pea), double as in cow peas, in heads as in the clovers or in racemes as in velvet beans, wistaria and the locusts. In each case the individual flower will have the same characteristic shape.

The moonflower is placed by botanists in the same genus as the common Morning Glories and the sweet potato. This genus (Ipomea) is in the Bindweed family (Convolvulaceae) which comes from the Latin: convolvo, to entwine.

As to their respective values as a stock food, I cannot find any data on moonflower vines either from feeding tests or chemical analyses but both forms of tests have repeatedly shown the leguminous forage plants to be very much superior to any other group of plants, being especially high in digestible proteins. Just on my own authority I will say that moonflower vines are probably very good roughage or filler for stock but I do not believe that they have much over half the actual food value of our common pasture grasses. The grasses have a considerably higher percentage of cellulose (tests based on green weight) than the moonflower vines, the difference being accounted for by a higher per cent of water in the moonvines. As you probably know cellulose is close to starch and though only slightly digestible as a human food is an important factor in the feeds of herbivorous animals. From thirty to sixty per cent of the total cellulose being digested, and the amount digested is credited with the same food value as the other carbohydrates such as starch and sugar.

So that we know the legumes are superior to the grasses and on account of the higher cellulose content in the grasses and the higher water content in the moonvines the feeding value of moonvines is probably quite low.

Respectfully,
H. L. SPEER,
Teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

CROP ESTIMATES

Acreage of truck crops throughout the state probably will be higher for the coming season than for last year, according to the estimate of the Orlando office of the bureau of agricultural research, U. S. Department of Agriculture. A bulletin issued under date of September 13 says tomato acreage on the lower east coast will be larger than last year but probably below a full acreage. Fort Myers already has planted most of the fall tomatoes and some peppers and eggplants. A large acreage of peppers has gone out at Winter Haven. Seed besd and plants already out show good condition.

Seed Potatoes For Hastings

HASTINGS, Sept. 14.—Representatives of the four leading potato concerns are now in the seed producing section of Maine personally selecting seed potatoes for their customers in the Hastings section.

H. L. Robinson, manager of the Hastings Potato Growers Association, John E. Wade, of the Bugbee Distributing Company, G. W. Waller and A. W. Clow of the Nix Produce Company, are among those that are inspecting fields and making personal selections of seed.

The Hastings section takes practically all the certified Spaulding Rose production of Maine and New York. Shipments of the seed to Florida will start in December.

Moore Haven Bananas

Moore Haven Democrat: Pat DeVine has a beautiful quarter-acre of bananas on his farm. Some have bananas ready to cut while some are just blooming. It is an interesting fact that the parent banana tree dies as soon as it produces its fruits, the banana being propagated by the suckers which shoot up from the roots about the time the first tree starts to produce.

And Okeechobee Bananas

Okeechobee News: What bananas will do in this section is forcibly illustrated at Josh Platt's home on South Parrott avenue. Mr. Platt has a small patch of bananas which he set out in his back yard a little over a year ago, and today the trees are full of bananas and bloom. The trees are unusually large for their age, and have required but little attention and care. They provide a fine shade for Mr. Platt's chickens and will also provide a good income within a few months.

Poultry Raisers Elect

AVON PARK, Sept. 11.—Alfred Engleman, Venus poultryman, was elected president and the proposals for a county demonstration farm were voted down at this week's meeting of the Highland County Poultry Association at Lake Stearns. Plans for programs at future meetings were laid and a program committee named. Other officers elected included F. D. Palmer, Avon Park, vice president, and W. G. Pulsifer, DeSoto City and Sebring, secretary and treasurer. These men with C. W. Long and J. L. Wildig comprise the board. L. H. Alsmeyer, L. A. Darsey and F. D. Palmer make up the program committee.

FROSTS AND POTASH

Last January, when The Everglades News said the Weather Bureau and the county agents didn't seem to know much about frosts, it was as if we had poked into a hornet's nest, for pamphlets began to fly around us and the mail was full of letters. The pamphlets and letters were read and studied and filed; lately they were taken out of the file and read again, without adding anything to our information. This is September; there will be a frost in the upper Glades within ninety days, and the subject will be a live one.

The Florida branch of the Weather Bureau renders excellent service by the distribution of warnings, and this service is appreciated by growers in the Everglades. It is not the fault of the Weather Bureau that there is no telephone service or that the local distribution of the warnings is not good. All of that, however, is beside the point—what we want to know is, why does frost seem to jump and skip, whether it is more liable on muck than sand and if so why and what to do about it, and things like that. We don't care to have the California experiments applied to the Everglades—there's too much difference in conditions. And also why should those studies be made in California and not in Florida?

We get more information and food for thought from an advertisement issued by the German Potash Trust than from all of the government publications that were sent to us last January. We don't like the Germans or trusts or the idea of fertilizer having to be used, and we don't like to print an advertisement for the German Potash Trust free, but because the advertisement does give information, here it is, in the quotation marks:

"Many a truck grower has seen his promising crops wiped out or badly damaged by early frosts.

"Can anything be done to lessen this damage? The lay of the land and use of frost-resistant varieties are, of course, important factors. But the plant food which the growing crops receive also plays an essential role.

"Just as a sound, healthy, well-functioning body is best able to withstand disease or cold, so a healthy, vigorous plant is best prepared to resist damage from frost, insects and disease.

"There was a striking demonstration of the value of high analysis fertilizers in lessening frost damage at Hollandale, Minnesota. On muck soil, potato growers who had used 600 pounds per acre of an 0-9 1-2-27 1-2 fertilzer reported practically no damage from the first early frost, while unfertilized vines were half frozen down.

"The Michigan Experiment Station also reports (Special Bulletin 136) that on muck soil plots in Huron county a frost occurring on the night of August 20, 1822, practically killed the corn on unfertilized plots. They suggest as an explanation that 'this protection probably is due largely to the greater growth of the crop on the fertilized plots which tended to prevent the loss of air near the ground. It may be due in part to a greater resistance to freezing offered by the plant juices of the fertilized crop.'

"Potash, as part of a properly balanced fertilizer, has a vital role in promoting sound, vigorous growth, thus lessening the injury from frost or disease.

"Watch your growing crops and those in your neighborhood. If an early, unseasonable frost occurs this year, note how they are affected and how the better and more intensively fertilized crops withstand it.

"On muck soils, 12 per cent to 32 per cent in a mixed fertilizer will help greatly in combatting early frost damage."

CIVIL SUIT IS FILED

Stuart Growers' Incorporation Seeks Insurance Payment On Pineapple Crops

STUART, Sept. 11.—A civil suit in the amount of $160,000 has been filed by the Florida Growers, Inc., Stuart, against the Hartford Fire Insurance Company. The suit is based on a crop insurance policy written on the growers' pineapple crop for the years of 1924 and 1925. No declaration has been filed as yet. Rule day is set for the first Monday in October. Carroll Dunscombe is president of the growers' company. The policy, according to Mr. Dunscombe, insured the growers against droughts, freezes, insects and plant diseases, or other unfavorable conditions, which reduced the total income from the crop to less than $80,000 per year. Mr. Dunscombe reported a loss during the first year, but the company, he says, replied to the effect that the loss would be settled after the policy had expired. The second year's loss was reported to the company, Mr. Dunscombe said, and the insurers replied with the statement that the policy covered losses below $80,000 for the total crops covered by the two-year period rather than on a crop of $80,000 for each year and the technical interpretation of the coverage will be decided by the court. Francher & Paty, West Palm Beach, are attorneys for the growers. The policy was written by the B. D. Cole agency of West Palm Beach.

$1,504 Per Farm Family

WASHINGTON, Sept. 11.—The average American family of the farm class is living now at a cost of $1,504 a year, the Department of Agriculture finds after a study made of 3,000 widely scattered families throughout the United States.

Compared with industrial families, the farm families spend about three per cent more of the total expenditure for food and one per cent more for fuel and light but spend two per cent less for clothing and one per cent less for house rent.

Food is the largest item of expense, taking an average of 41.2 per cent; clothing, 14.7 per cent; housing, 12.4 per cent; health, 3.9 per cent; education, 6.3 per cent, and life insurance, 2.3 per cent, the department found in its study.

Farm afmilies during the last two years have greatly increased their proportionate expenditure for recreation, education and health. The average living cost per family by states did not vary to any noticeable extent, it was found.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3056, dated the 7th day of August, A. D. 1916, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach county, Florida, to-wit: Lot 98 S-D of SW¼ of NW¼ west of canal, section 27, township 45 south, range 43 east, 3 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of W. H. Funk. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 21st day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.

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PAHOKEE

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

PAHOKEE, Sept. 15.—Mrs. Jasper Reed and baby of Homestead, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cochran for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dowling and family moved to Port Mayaca Monday. They intend to farm there this winter.

Miss Wilda Friend, who has been visiting her folks for a few weeks, is now working for the Florida Light & Power Company in West Palm Beach. She spent Sunday with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Friend and family.

J. B. Dickson, Jr., of Marianna and J. M. Dickson of Lakeland, visited their brother Thomas Dickson, for a few days this week.

A soda fountain has been installed in Mrs. D. S. Spooner's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Clydie Manning and family of Fellsmere, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar McClure and family over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Stuckey and two children of West Palm Beach, motored out here Sunday. Mr. Stuckey went back Monday but Mrs. Stuckey and children are visiting her mother, Mrs. Alice Padgett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Simonson and Ruth Simonson went to West Palm Beach last Friday on a business trip, returning the next afternoon. While there they purchased a piano.

W. E. Borden and Miss Julia Wilder were married Saturday, September 11, in Okeechobee by Judge Durrance. They will reside in Canal Point at present.

Mrs. Earl Lewis is visiting relatives in Plant City.

The Missionary Society of the Methodist church will hold ats regular meeting Tuesday, September 21 at 3 p. m.

Alfred Huskey is visiting in Pahokee for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Boyd and Miss Hazel Boyd of Vero Beach have been visiting a few days with Miss Tommie Gray. When they returned Saturday Miss Gray accompanied them home for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Graham visited their brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs Hill, in West Palm Beach Saturday, returning home Sunday evening.

H. C. Graham is working at Belle Glade on a dredge, which is throwing up rock for the Pahokee-Belle Glade road.

The Pahokee Woman's Club will hold its regular business meeting at the club house Monday, September 20. All members are urged to be present as the new president wishes to appoint her committee chairmen for the new club year.

Miss Evelyn Wiley has arrived to take charge of the fourth and fifth grades in the Pahokee school. Miss Wiley comes here from Colorado. While here she is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rice.

Paul Shive and Peter Paul Padgett are now visiting in Tulsa, Okla., with Paul's sister, Mrs. John A. Dulany. After a visit there, he will attend a school in Peoria, Ill., to take a course in aviation.

C. A. Shive and Duncan Padgett are clearing land near the sugar mill for farming.

O .B. McClure, Frank Friend, R. J. Simonson and Dr. W. H. Lair have found enough dry land on section 5 to plant a pretty big garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Kimbrough arrived in Pahokee Sautrday and intend to live here for a while. At present they are staying with Mr. Kimbrough's sister, Mrs. F. E. Tiffin.

The owners of section 8 are putting in a pumping plant. Edward A. Forbes, formerly of Ritta Island, now of West Palm Beach, is installing. It is interesting to know that this pump is one of Mr. Forbes' own invention, and he has one that is working very successfully at Ritta Island.

The Athletic Club of Canal Point high school gave a measuring party at the Pahokee Woman's Club building Friday night. Games were enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served consisting of sandwiches, salad, cake and punch. About $14 were cleared which will help in purchasing equipment for the school. The club wishes to thank the Woman's Club for letting them have the use of their building for this entertainment.

Our new store has opened at the Culp place on Pahokee road, with full line of field and garden seeds.—Exotic Gardens.

Van Stuckey started planting beans on section 20 this week.

Mrs. T. W. Cranford and baby are at High Springs for a short stay visiting Mr. Cranford's sister. While she is away Mr. Cranford is taking meals at Elliott's.

Ralph Stalings was a Sunday visitor here from Belle Glade.

Thomas Dickson, Jr., Mrs. J. B. Elliott and Misses Lola and Lorraine Elliott went to West Palm Beach Tuesday to have Miss Lorraine's eyes treated.

Dr. Goodman, who has had an office here, moved to West Palm Beach where he had formerly practiced. He will come out over week ends to be with his family as his wife is a teacher in our school.

We have the promise of a restaurant in Pahokee, which is to open soon in the building owned by S. B. McDowell.

A number of the Pahokee younger set went to the ball game Sunday at Riviera. After the game, they attended the Kettler Theater to see Rudolph Valentino's last made picture, the Son of the Sheik, returning home in the evening.

Barney Bishop of Homestead came out over Sunday, returning home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Lewis of North Carolina are announcing the birth of James Harry Lewis born September 6. Mr. Lewis, who is a nephew of Mrs. J. R. York, farmed here last winter.

Mrs. J. R. Poland is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Gladys Spangler in West Palm Beach.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS

H. O. Thomas, Box 596, Cleveland, O.: "I remember that just one year ago today my friend E. J. Riley of Hollywood and myself had a very pleasant visit with you. You were in the little restaurant across the canal from your office eating lunch and we hunted you up. I had been told not to go to Canal Point without talking to you if I wanted to talk to a man who knew the Everglades better than any other man down there. I found that this man knew what he was talking about. I have also gotten to where I feel that I can scarcely get along without The Everglades News, am therefore enclosing my check for $2.50 for another year's subscription.

Mrs. E. V. Kavanagh, 839 Cascade street, Wenatchee, Wash.: "Every success to you. You are doing a good work for the communities of the Everglades and the non-resident owners."

See L. W. Thompson, resident manager, for new field and garden seeds. —Exotic Gardens.

How to keep from having punctures? —See L. L. Knight, merchant.

The Florida Everglades

AND THE DRAINAGE PROJECT

As Told by Howard Sharp in a Talk to Club Members at the residence of Mrs. W. R. Bonham, Canal Point, Fla., Wednesday, September 15, 1926.

GLADE is one of the oldest words in the English language; its meaning has aways been "an open, shimmering space," with an implication of the presence of water.

EVERGLADES describes, by the prefix "ever" and the plural form, the original condition of a large part of South Florida land, the soil of which is chiefly muck but not exclusively muck.

LAKE OKEECHOBEE, the second largest body of fresh-water in the United States, is the basin into which Kissimmee river discharges the rainfall from an area of 5,000 square miles. The lake has no natural outlet; when it was made to overflow by the discharge from Kissimmee river it inundated the country on the south side, the waters then spreading.

ST. LUCIE CANAL, which starts from the lake nine miles north of Canal Point, is intended to be the chief agency for the control of the lake, to prevent it from overflowing. This canal is 24 miles long and discharges into St. Lucie river near Stuart.

OTHER CANALS have as their chief purpose the drainage of the land along their banks.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT was created by an Act of the Florida Legislature. For convenience five state officials were made the officers of the district. The State of Florida was a large owner of land in the district at the time the district was created.

PLAN OF DRAINAGE is that sub-districts be formed within the boundaries of the main district, ditches and other facilities for drainage to be put in by the sub-district.

SUB-DISTRICTS formed and in operation fully or partially include: Newhall district and Diston Island district at Moore Haven; Clewiston district and Sugarland district at Clewiston; Palm Beach drainage and highway district embracing land around Bare Beach, Ritta, Lake Harbor, South Bay, Okeelanta, Belle Glade and Chosen; Pahokee district at Pahokee; Pelican Lake district at Canal Point. There are several districts in the Fort Lauderdale and Miami territory. Farmers and groups of farmers have pumping plants within the sub-districts.

MUCK SOILS have several local designations: Custard apple soil, weed and elder land and sawgrass land, these terms describing the types of vegetation that grew on the land originally and as the character of the soil was changed by the action of drainage.

PRODUCTS are chiefly vegetables because vegetables command the highest prices.

CLIMATE of the region is influenced by proximity to or distance from Lake Okeechobee. The temperatures are higher in winter on land that is close to the lake. There is less liability to frost if the land is close to the lake.

SEMINOLE INDIANS visit communities in the Everglades but there is no camp of the Indians close to any of the communities around Lake Okeechobee.

AREA OF THE LAKE as scaled on a map of the State of Florida is about 36 by 42 miles. The bottom of the lake is about sea level; therefore when the water of the lake is at elevation 18.7 feet as now, that is the depth of the lake.

FIRST EXPLORATION of Lake Okeechobee by white men for the purpose of record was in 1874 by a writer for a sportsmen's magazine.

STATE GOT TITLE to the Everglades from the United States Government under an Act of Congress of 1850 known as the "Swamp and Overflow Land Grant Act," and on the promise to "reclaim said lands by means of levees and drains."

CANAL POINT

To Canal Point Residents:

Put out your trash in separate holders. It will be collected and carried off Saturday, September 18.

Woman's Improvement Club.

DR. SCWWARZ COMING

A letter from Dr. F. G. Schwarz of East Hampton, Conn., states that he expects to return to West Palm Beach about the middle of September. He owns a summer resort, Wo-Po-Wog, in Middlesex county. Dr. Schwarz with others is negotiating for the purchase of sections 9 and 17 from the Okeelanta Corporation, properties adjacent to Canal Point and Pahokee.

Back From Illinois To Spend the Winter

Having been here last winter and remembering the climate and the production of vegetables in mid-winter, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Conner of Bath, Ill., have returned to Canal Point from their Illinois home. They are the parents of James Conner, who is farming land north of town. Mr. and Mrs. James Conner returned to the farm a few weeks ago and are preparing for the fall and winter crops. Their land is under dike and is served by the Pelican Lake district pumps.

Solicks Plant Beans And Sweet Peppers

The 16 acres of land diked and provided with its own pumping system in addition to being served by Pelican Lake district facilities, S. Solick & Sons this week are planting beans on their land north of Canal Point. They had planted half an acre of beans and an acre and a half of peppers the first week in September. An acre of beans was planted Monday and the planting was carried on during the week until the total was made six and a half acres. About 40 avocados are sprouted on the ditch bank.

Lake Worth Sorosis Met With Mrs. Bonham

Thirty-eight members of the Lake Worth Sorosis met Wednesday with Mrs. W. R. Bonham at her home in Canal Point for an all-day meeting. Mrs. Bonham was active as a member during her residence in Lake Worth and the meeting with her in Canal Point gave some of the other members their first opportunity to see the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee.

Howard Sharp, editor of The Everglades News, was called up to talk of drainage and other forms of development of this region, known to the residents of the East Coast as the back country. W. P. Jernigan, of the sugar company, told of the culture of canes and the manufacture of sugar.

Members and guests present at the meeting at Mrs. Bonham's were: Members: Mrs. Charles Jobson, Miss Pearl Ledman, Mrs. F. L. Tatum, Mrs. Russell Ayers, Mrs. W. M. Hobbs, Mrs. Roy Lane, Mrs. W. E. Hutschenreuter, Mrs. Irving Heglund, Mrs. D. B. Leppen, Mrs. B. F. Smart, Mrs. M. G. Yoakum, Mrs. J. L. McKissick, Mrs. R. H. Bussler, Mrs. R. S. Kidd, Mrs. E. B. Utter, Mrs. W. P. Johnson, Mrs. A. D. Clark, Mrs. Martin Speck, Mrs. Marie Dukes, Mrs. John Menoher, Mrs. Glenn Hull, Mrs. G. P. Aldridge, Mrs. W. S. Aldridge, Mrs. W. R. Bonham; Mrs. Harry Bennett, Mrs. Paul Clark, Mrs. Lee Garrier, Mrs. E. F. Hill, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mrs. B. L. Morrow, Mrs. E. L. Renfro, Mrs. J. J. Robinson, Mrs. H. E. Rouse, Mrs. Van Houghton, Mrs. T. B. Pritchard, Mrs. George Ogle, Mrs. G. C. Beckett, Mrs. Carlisle. Guests: Mrs. W. H. Vann, Mrs. Charles Baker, Mrs. Paul Filly.

Sturrock Favors Pumps As Added Protection

Whole-hearted endorsement of the plan to install a pump in section 8 was given last week by W. D. Sturrock of Palm Beach, owner of the Exotic Gardens, when he visited Pahokee in company of C. B. Savage, his Everglades representative, to inspect the Culp place, which he bought last year. The facilities provided by sub-districts are likely to be inadequate to protect fruit trees and winter crops of vegetables, the high value of which warrant auxiliary pumping plants, he says. Mr. Sturrock plans to raise plants and bulbs for his Palm Beach business as soon as water conditions on the Culp place permit.

ENGINEER INSPECTS

MOORE HAVEN, Sept. 14.—Drainage Engineer Fred Flanders made a trip around Lake Okeechobee last week and reports the water conditions in Moore Haven the best he found on his trip. This proves what the pumps are doing in this section. It is reported that there is more land being prepared for planting in the Moore Haven section than ever before, while other sections have very little which can be used at this time owing to unfavorable water conditions.

GETTING FACTS AS TO WATER LEVELS

By Howard Sharp.

Residents of the Lake Okeechobee region well know the water conditions that existed in the past week; it is for the information of non-resident owners of lots and tracts and as a record for the future that I am setting down observations made Monday on a trip from Canal Point to Hillsboro canal lock at the south end of the lake.

Left Canal Point at 2 p. m., Monday, September 13. Pump in the part of Pelican Lake sub drainage district north of the canal was running. At the first ditch east of the sugar mill water was running from the canal onto plowed ground. Water covered the land on which there were the advertising signs "Fertile as the Valley of the Nile" and "Perfect Drainage." Overtook the steamboat Lillie. Ditches in land on the right hand side of the road were bankful—investment of thousands of dollars rendered worthless by the high stage of West Palm Beach canal. Ran into a shower opposite Big Mound canal. (Big Mound canal discharges on the north side, 12 miles from Canal Point.) Water was over Conners Highway at nine places in a distance of four miles. At some places the water came onto the road from the canal on the left and some times from the sawgrass land on the right of the road. Reached tollhouse at 20-mile bend at 2:25—19 miles in 25 minutes.

Okeechobee road is the official name of the road that extends from 20-mile bend westward through Belle Glade en route to Fort Myers. The canal alongside the road, dug to get material for the road, is known officially as Okeechobee road canal. The section of Okeechobee road from 20-mile bend to Gladeview Farms, a distance of about four miles, is in bad condition but there was no flood water on it. More lateral ditches were being dug at Gladeview Farms by hand labor. Pumps were being run at this point. Figures of rainfall there are printed in another column. The pumpman said a one-tenth gain was being made on the water every two hours. Man was running lawn mower at clubhouse. Further on water from the sawgrass country was running through a culvert in Okeechobee road into the canal—more water to go into West Palm Beach canal and back up on Pahokee and Pelican Lake sub districts.

Road was in poor condition, but Felix DuChaine and a crew with trucks was patching. Canal was out of its banks and water stood around the two houses on the north side of Okeechobee road canal between Gladeview and Geerworth. The land on the south side of the canal ("Gladecrest Farms" it was called by Morrison & Wood of Miami when they were selling it) was all under water. Road was in better condition from there on to Hillsboro canal. Made a short stop at the Everglades Experiment Station to see Foreman George E. Tedder. His figures as to rainfall are given elsewhere. On through Belle Glade to Hillsboro canal lock, where Hans Stein reported the lake at elevation 19 feet and the canal at 17.8. Pause at Belle Glade on return. Arrived back at Canal Point 6:30. It took four hours and a half to make a trip that can be made in one hour when the Pahokee-Belle Glade road is completed.

COMMUNITY M. E. CHURCH NEWS

The regular church services will be held: Sunday school 10 a. m.; preaching service, 11 a. m.; union service, 3:30 p. m.; evening service, 8 p. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 to 8:30 p. m.

The second union service of the series will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. Rev. Earl Lewis of the Pahokee Baptist church will preach the sermon and will be assisted in the service by Rev. Paul Filly of the Community Methodist Episcopal church. There will be special music for this service.

The Canal Point Ladies Aid Society met Tuesday afternoon. Part of each meeting is devoted to sewing. A box of clothing is to be sent to the Orphans' Home in Jacksonville at Christmas time and donations of children's clothes will be gladly accepted. They must be clean and whole. Mrs. Bonham is chairman of this work and donations may be left at the bank for her, or sent to her home.

It was decided to hold another ice cream and cake sale on Saturday afternoon of this week, at the former post office building.

A box social will be held at the church building Friday evening, October 1 with a special musical program. Mrs. Wible is in charge of the music. An invitation is extended to all to come and bring their "supper boxes" and have a good time.

The October meeting of the Ladies Aid will be held with Mrs. Filly.

Lake Worth Realtors Visit Back Country

LAKE WORTH, Sept. 11.—Final arrangements have been made for the Chamber of Commerce pilgrimage to the Everglades Thursday, Chairman George Hulme announced today. So popular has the trip become that already plans are being laid for another trip on October 2.

The party will leave the information bureau at 7:30 o'clock Thursday morning, taking a yacht at Belle Glade. From there the pilgrims will go to the agricultural development at Kraemer Island, thence to Clewiston and lunch at Clewiston Inn.

City Clerk Hutchenreuter will express appreciation to the hosts for their entertainment, while L. T. McGee, president of the Chamber of Commerce, also will deliver an address of thanks. Responses from Clewiston business men are scheduled. A musical program will follow.

LETTERS FROM READERS

L. R. Smith, publisher of the Lake Worth Herald: "I have read your column this week (as I do every week when it appears) and like the wholesome, frank way you go into the campaign. You are not a stranger in Lake Worth but I hope you can arrange to come down here and meet the good people before we have a mass meeting."

G. H. Fratzke, Chicago, Ill.: "Talk about floods in the Everglades!—we have them worse here, so guess you have no kick coming, the Everglades being a new country. I have noticed that the Chicago papers mock the Everglades, so here is a come-back for you."

(Mr. Fratzke encloses clippings of articles and photographs relating to a flood produced in Illinois and Indiana by heavy rains.)

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FOR SALE—One good second hand Cleveland tractor, one good second hand double disc plow, one good second hand mold board plow, one new tandem disc harrow double. $300 buys the whole outfit.—Homer J. Rogers, 317 North Lakeside Court, West Palm Beach, Fla. 29 t2*

FOR TRADE or sale—320 acres of fine wheat land 13 miles from Alberta, Canada; this is fine land and can be tractor farmed; will trade for good Florida muck land near Lake Okeechobee or other land near a good city; might consider a trade on income property. What have you to offer?—F. H. Friedman, Licensed Broker, Chosen, Fla.

TEN ACRES custard apple land, north of West Palm Beach canal; protected by dike and pump, to give two years free use for clearing.—L. N. Simon, 338½ Clematis Ave., McGinley Bldg., West Palm Beach, Fla. 28t3 1.08

FOR SALE—Banana plants, Red Jamaica and Cavendish, grown on high land. If a buyer will take the whole 25,000 I'll lead him to a bargain counter.—A. Heyne, box 163, Canal Point, Fla. 27t4

FOR SALE—Pepper, egg and tomato plants. Leave orders at our Pahokee farm (Culp place).—Exotic Gardens, West Palm Beach. 26

FOR SALE—Three year old filly; weight about 1,000 pounds.—See Dr. W. H. Lair, Pahokee, Fla. 25t4*

FOR SALE—One acre of banana plants. See L. L. Knight, Canal Point, Fla. 24tf

FULL-BLOOD S. C. White Leghorn cockerels for sale, Wyckoff strain; $2.50 each. Finest ever.—Address Mrs. M. Farnum, South Bay, Fla. 24t4*

FOR RENT—10 acres on Conners Highway, SW¼ of NE¼ of SE¼, Sec. 13, Twp. 42, range 37; also 10 acres NW¼ SW¼ of NE¼, Sec. 25, Twp. 45, range 36, and 10 acres SE¼ of SE¼ of SE¼, Sec. 13, Twp. 45, range 36; will rent in single tracts or as a whole very reasonable.—F. O. Lake, 200 Lee Highway, Clarendon Branch, Washington, D. C. 27t2

FOR SALE—Twenty acres excellent farm land, east half of southeast quarter of southeast quarter of section 33, township 43, range 37, on border of custard apple, near lake. Will sell at exceptionally low price. Land can be farmed now. Write to owner, care of The Everglades News, Canal Point, Fla. 7tf

Around The Great Lake

OKEELANTA

OKEELANTA, Sept. 13.—Ed Covell and Ben Anjima, who for some days during last week were working hard to prevent an accumulation of hyacinths in the Lauderdale canal north of the Bolles, were relieved by the arrival of the dredge Florida with Earl Daniels in charge. It was cheering to the pioneers to meet again with Earl, whose parents were amongst the earliest settlers on the Miami canal. Then, too, it showed that Okeelanta, while doomed by state and county officials to "suck a hind teat," is yet not entirely forgotten.

Mrs. Anjima, accompanied by her son, a grandson, left last Friday morning for medical treatment in Miami. Under present inundated conditions it is most unfortunate to be taken ill; it is hard enough for those in good health to keep an even temper.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanchette were guests at the hotel during the latter part of the week. The Franz family, Mrs. Hartline and the former's grandchildren, visited their Okeelanta friends Sunday last.

The value of hyacinths as fire extinguishers was discovered early Tuesday a week ago by the boys on the Florida's launch the Wego.

The heavy rains, coming mostly from the east, hold the water about on a uniform level all over the south shore —14 inches over surface. The sight of such conditions for five years hand running does not predispose one kindly toward the I. I. Board and the officers who are in charge of Everglades reclamation.

SOUTH BAY

An amusing play was given by the Dramatic Club of South Bay on Saturday night. The scene was laid in a boarding house. The following characters took part:

Mrs. Willits—Anne Marie.

Mr. Farnum—Mr. Hall, a sixty-year old bachelor.

Miss Eunice Farnum—A million dollar playwright.

Mrs. W. Templeton—Mrs. Hale.

Mrs. Alice Mutchler—Belinda, the vamp.

Mrs. Martha Denton—The boarding house keeper.

Mrs. Louise Rawle—Miss Wimple, an old maid.

Mrs. Gertrude Van Horn—Mrs. Prout, in love with Mr. Hall.

Mrs. Barstow—Coach.

The community is to be congratulated for the pluck and persistence shown in putting on this work under the trying conditions of mud and water which prevail.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McAlester have returned from their trip north.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldron are the parents of an 8-pound boy born two weeks ago. Mrs. Waldron is the daughter of Mrs. Lowe.

The pump is doing wonders at South Bay. Some people reported Sunday their farms were dry that were covered with water before the pump started. Pumps seem to help solve the drainage problem. If the canals were in shape to carry off the water the pumps would drain the land, where they are installed.

South Bay Church News

The Sunday school is holding on in spite of all handicaps. Last Sunday the attendance was 34, the Sunday before, 36. This shows a determination on the part of parents to bring their children up in the spirit of Christ. Only those who know the conditions there can appreciate their devotion to the works of the church.

Rev. Thomas was out Sunday and delivered a message at 11 a. m., subject "With what measure you mete." Matt. 7:2.

Belle Glade Sunday school is holding up pretty well and now that the water is being pumped off most of this section, we are expecting quite an increase in attendance. Brother F. H. Friedman, the superintendent surely is a blessing to this community.

Services next Sunday:

Belle Glade—Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching 11 a. m.; subject, "Be Sure You're Right."

South Bay—Sunday school 10 a. m., preaching, 7:45 p. m., subject, "All the Way."

Wm. Jesse Thomas, Pastor.

GLADES COUNTY

(Compiled from The Democrat.)

George A. Danielson of Miami, who recently bought a farm at Paradise Valley, has finished a modern four-room house on his place and is now ready to occupy it with his family who have been in Miami while he has been getting the home ready for them. "Paradise Valley" is near Palmdale.

J. G. Attanasio, of LaBelle has bought back his property at Ortona. A company has been organized, several hundred acres leased and a test for oil will be made soon. The derrick will be set up and drilling in the vicinity of the depot before the close of this year.

EXOTIC REPRESENTATIVE

W. H. Willits, well known in East Beach and South Bay communities, has become a salesman for the Exotic Gardens, which is to have a warehouse at Belle Glade.

INDIANS CATCH GATORS, THEN CROSS THE LAKE

Two Seminole Indians hunted alligators in West Palm Beach canal the forepart of the week. They got 40 or 45 good-sized gators and a larger number of small ones. The Indians left Canal Point Tuesday morning on the mail boat, towing their canoes behind the boat. Boatmen in the lake region always let the Seminoles and newspaper men ride free.

MOORE HAVEN

MOORE HAVEN, Sept. 13.—The Peter Haile Seed Company, whose main place of business is in Jacksonville, last week opened a branch in Moore Haven, using the building formerly occupied by the Babers Realty Company. This new seed store will do a vegetable brokerage business as well as sell seeds to our farmers.

Mrs. F. C. Barnes returned Thursday from a nice vacation through Wisconsin and Illinois. Mrs. Barnes has been in Moore Haven a number of years and this is her first trip back to her old home land. She reports a wonderful trip.

O. C. Benbow has over a hunrded bushels of peanuts. This is a most valuable crop, for the nuts as well as being splendid for the land, increasing the fertility for other crops.

Louis Scrobich returned Saturday from the Orlando hospital, where he underwent an operation. When he arrived he found his blackeyed peas just ready to put on the market.

Mrs. I. W. Cone from Starke, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. N. S. Wainwright for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. DeAgrella and two daughters spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Studell at the Citrus Center hotel.

Mrs. G. J. L. Smith returned Friday from a three months trip in New Jersey. She declares she had a good time, but is glad to be back home.

Mrs. O. S. Miller is in Jacksonville with her sister, Dorothy Mattox, who has been very ill.

Wm. (Bill) Long, from Sebring spent Tuesday in town on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Kurtz are back home after a month spent in various parts of the north. They visited their old home in Indiana, then went to Canada, and Mr. Kurtz attended to the business which took them north connected with the sale of bonds for the Caloosahatchee improvement district.

OKEECHOBEE

(Compiled from The News.)

Letters from Mr. and Mrs. Don P. Johnston state that they had a most delightful boat trip from Miami to New York and that it is so cold in that city that heavy coats are quite comfortable.

Mrs. H. P. Peterson left Wednesday for Jacksonville where she will undergo a serious operation at St. Vincents hospital.

Rev. E. L. Shuler, accompanied by Paul and Mary returned Wednesday from Atlanta and other points in Georgia where they have been spending several weeks' vacation.

Mrs. R. Y. Patterson who has been in Pensacola for several months has returned home.

J. S. Denton, contractor, who has been spending the summer at Franklin, Tenn., has returned to Okeechobee.

County Agent Sherard reports that more land is being prepared at this time for fall and winter truck crops in Okeechobee county than has been prepared for such purposes in several years.

RITTA

RITTA, Sept. 13.—From Lake Harbor to Bare Beach the supposed-to-be road-dike is being overgrown with grass, moonvines, castor beans and popash that will have to be taken off before the fill can be graded and rocked. The new and added cost may be as much as $150 a mile. The people at Bare Beach use the grade to the county line but it is in awful condition, they say.

In the opinion of many of us the Bell Telephone Company poles are set too close to the road.

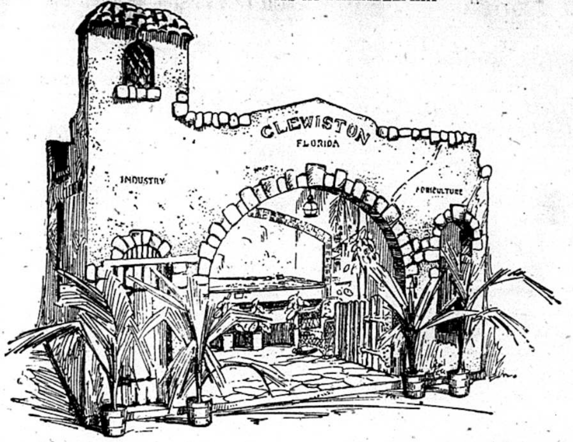
In my opinion the land owners and others who farm in the Glades must petition to the war department or some other branch of the government concerning the conditions around the lake and the damage done to the people when the lake is permitted to stay at its present high elevation.

St. Lucie canal will never effectively control the water in Lake Okeechobee. There are plenty of canals to drain the land under ordinary conditions and there never will be enough to control Lake Okeechobee under abnormal conditions. All of us know that our troubles could be avoided if the drainage board would open the locks and dams and let the water run out. Give current to the canals and it will move much of the sand and silt.

I have seen and heard of the Everglades for 52 years. It was always flooded at times and always will be under the present method of operation of the canals and locks.

I guess the Clewiston people are like a good many others—they don't want to hurt the feelings of the members of the drainage board.

CLEWISTON EXHIBITS AT PHILADELPHIA



The great new movement in Florida —development of industry and agriculture—is being worthily presented to thousands of people every day at the exhibit of Clewiston at the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia.

Clewiston, primarily an industrial and agricultural project associated with a huge reclamation plan at the southwest shore of Lake Okeechobee, which is now nearing completion, had the courage of her convictions.

For weeks after the opening of the Sesqui-Centennial the remarkable Clewiston exhibit was the only one there representing Florida.

Clewiston's exhibit is in the Palace of Agriculture. Its central feature is a diorama showing, better than columns of description could, how a large new area of the rich black muck soil of the Everglades is being reclaimed by costly "sub-drainage" districts—canals, levees and pumping plants.

Even among the large, elaborate and very costly "buildings" of the various exhibitors that crowd the five huge exhibition palaces the Clewiston representation of an old Spanish gateway stands out for its artistic quality. It is built of Celotex, covered with stucco and very cleverly antiqued. Rough old gates swing inward, leading visitors over flagging of Celotex "tile" to the diorama across the rear of the building.

The diorama represents the town of Clewiston, the 15,000 acres reserved for the plantation of the Southern Sugar Company, and thousands of additional acres comprising the Clewiston farms—as at present and as planned. The farm lands are in the foreground. The three main ditches, the canal around the town, the nine-mile canal, the three-mile canal, Lake Hicpochee and Lake Okeechobee (in the rear)—all these are full of real water.

Artificial rainfall covers the land in a very realistic manner and flows through the canals by gravity into Lake Hicpochee. It is an interesting demonstration of the gigantic drainage system that is already installed in the town of Clewiston and of the complete water control—namely, not only drainage but irrigation—which is rapidly nearing completion on the Clewiston farms.

Farm houses dot the countryside, automobiles are seen on the shores of Florida's great inland sea, Lake Okeechobee. The sugar mill of the Southern Sugar Company and another factory unit for manufacturing Celotex, the famous insulating lumber, are placed in the locations planned for them. You can see across the lake the Canal Point sugar mille, controlled by the Clewiston interests.

In front of the diorama is a muck-display—vegetables growing in the famous black soil of the Everglades. Avocado, mango trees and cocoanut palms complete the exhibit.

AROUND THE LAKE

Moore Haven Democrat: The first fish boat of the season landed at the fish house September 2 with 6,000 pounds of fish. Other boats coming in brought loads nearly or quite as large.

GLADES WEATHER

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Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending September 11, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
5	88	74	0.50
6	89	76	0.71
7	89	77	0.18
8	88	76	0.24
9	90	72	0.31
10	87	72	T.
11	85	74	0.60
Average	88	74	Total 2.54

D. W. BEARDSLEY,
Cooperative Observer.

Moore Haven

Record of meteorological observations taken by the undersigned as a cooperative observer of the Weather Bureau of the U. S. Department of Agriculture during the week ending September 11, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
5	89	74	0.16
6	88	73	T.
7	90	76	0.00
8	88	76	0.08
9	89	74	0.01
10	89	71	0.03
11	85	74	0.05
Average	88.3	74	Total 0.33

FRED FLANDERS,
Cooperative Observer.

Clewiston, Fla.

Weather report for the week ending September 11, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
5	90	76	0.17
6	88	77	0.15
7	90	79	0.00
8	89	79	0.01
9	89	73	0.00
10	89	72	0.07
11	85	77	.005
			Total .405

HAROLD SIMPSON,

Canal Point

Temperature and rainfall record at Canal Point, Florida, for week ending September 12, 1926.

Date	High	Low	Rainfall
6	90	73	0.08
7	92	73	0.00
8	92	71	0.12
9	90	71	0.12
10	90	74	0.32
11	84	73	0.45
12	88	73	0.45
Average	89	72	Total 1.54

Total rainfall since January 1, 1926, 40.13 inches.

Guage above lock, 18.7 feet; guage below lock, 17.8 feet.

C. P. SHEFFIELD.

CHOSEN

The water in the triangle is moving out quite fast and shows the pumps are doing their work, but some selfish man went and cut one of the dikes at the south side, and let in a lot of water and the dike had to be repaired. If the parties would receive some benefit in doing a deed like this there might be some grounds for it.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Schlector were visitors at F. W. Kirchman's Sunday.

F. H. Friedman could not attend Sunday school last Sunday on account of sickness.

R. B. Ludlow made a business trip to West Palm Beach Saturday.

The flood usually does harm but always has some good about it, as there are very few striped beetles to bother cucumbers and no cutworms as yet since the flood.

E. S. Stephens was a Palm Beach caller Saturday.

A. M. Webster and wife were Palm Beach shoppers Saturday.

R. B. Ludlow and F. H. Friedman have a fine patch of beans growing at this time.

There is at least one thing you can plant the grasshoppers won't bother and that is cucumbers. E. S. Stephens has some bearing now.

Christ Friedman was a West Palm Beach caller Saturday.

Mr. Hudson and son Roy from South Shores was a pleasant caller at F. H. Friedman's Monday.

F. H. Friedman went in to West Palm Beach Saturday for medical attention.

L. L. Knight guarantees no tire punctures.—See him at once.

Belle Glade, Florida

Temperature, rainfall and evaporation for the week ending Saturday. September 11, 1926.

Date	Temperature Max.	Temperature Min.	Rainfall	Evaporation
5	91	74	0.60	0.182
6	91	73	0.50	0.097
7	90	74	0.06	0.227
8	90	72	0.02	0.246
9	90	72	0.34	0.180
10	90	71	0.83	0.232
11	91	69	0.77	0.123

GEO. E. TEDDER, Recorder.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3685, dated the 2nd day of July A. D. 1923, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: S 50 ft. N 150 ft. of lot 4 M. K. Lyman sub-division of N 300 ft. of Gov. lot 4 section 3, township 45 south, range 43 east, The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of John McCarley. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 12th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Through South Florida

THE COUNTY

Society Paper.—The W. O. Lipscomb Printing Company of West Palm Beach was awarded the contract for printing the new daily society newspaper to be published in Palm Beach during the winter season to be known as the "Palm Beach Enquirer." The new publication is financed by Edward B. McLean of Washington, D. C., prominent winter resident of Palm Beach and publisher of the Washington Post and Cincinnati Enquirer.

Dog Pound.—In order to keep valuable dogs from running at large on the city streets, the Lake Worth city commission has decided to build a pound near the incinerator for stray canines.

Delray Improvements.—The city engineer of Delray has filed the plans and specifications for paving, sidewalks and gutters: McKinley street south to S. Fourth street, $103,240; Atlantic avenue from Sixth avenue to bridge, $2,950; N. E. First street from Swinton avenue to N. First avenue, $2,950; N. E. First avenue from Atlantic to N. E. First street, $9,102, the total amount being $118,260. The cost is assessed against lots and lands bounding and abutting upon the improvements in proportion to the benefits to be derived. Payments are to be made at the same time the taxes are payable the city.

Half Million At Boynton.—An ordinance calling for a $500,000 bond issue for town improvements received its final reading at the meeting of the Boynton commission this week. Items in the issue are as follows: For extending of water system, $75,000; for extension of white way system, $35,000; revolving fund to be used for the improvement of streets and sidewalks, $140,000; building fund, $110,000; for refunding, $18,000; for parks and playgrounds ,$122,000. Included in the item for building fund will be the new town hall and the casino, and included in the item for parks and playgrounds will be the cemetery improvement and incinerator.

Ocean Boulevard.—That the county commission should take steps at once to rebuild that portion of the ocean boulevard between Lake Worth and Lantana, destroyed during the recent storm, was recommended by the directors of the Greater Palm Beach chamber of Commerce at their regular meeting last week. The chamber directors urged the rebuilding of the original road along this seashore rather than accept a right-of-way from the Brelsford interests for the construction of a two-mile road back of the Brelsford estate.

Blow Their Horns.—Ten applications for the position of leader of the Lake Worth Municipal band have already been received, city officials announced. Within a short time the commissioners will decide upon this season's leader and will act upon recommendations that Lake Worth have an all-year municipal band.

Boca Raton School.—The increase in school population at Boca Raton will necessitate the addition of several new rooms to the present school building, according to a decision reached by the county board of public instruction. With the present quarters arranged to accommodate only about 100 pupils, the trustees of the Boca Raton district appeared before the school board and stated that an enrollment of about 200 was expected this year. They asked that arrangements be made to care for the increase .

THE COUNTY SEAT

Depositors Organize.—Efforts to effect a payment of deposits by three closed banks, the Palm Beach Bank & Trust Company, Palm Beach National Bank and The Commercial Bank & Trust Company, will be made by a Depositors' League organized Thursday night at the home of George Dunstan. Nearly 200 depositors joined in the movement which will be made to learn all possible about the condition of these three institutions and take steps to protect the interests of the depositors. A motion to obtain legal counsel was favored.

Gives Traffic Rules.—Detailing every bit of information useful to motorists, 5,000 copies of the 1926 issue of the West Palm Beach police traffic guide, compiled by Chief of Police Ernest N. Malphurs, will be distributed to car owners and drivers of the city this week.

Why Banks Failed.—The Palm Beach county grand jury when it convenes on Tuesday, September 14, will be requested by a special committee of a Depositors' League to investigate the affairs and operations of the Palm Beach Bank & Trust Company, the Commercial Bank and Trust Company, and the Palm Beach National Bank, which closed their doors in July. Dr. Thomas E. Butler of Lake Worth, chairman of the Depositors' League, states that Bussy & Johnston have been retained as attorneys for the league.

Selecting Singers.—For the organization of the 200-voice Palm Beach Singers Carl Winkler, organizer and director of the Miami Singers, announces that the first voice test will be held in the municipal casino between 1 and 5 o'clock Friday afternoon, September 17.

To Help Young Folks.—Representatives of various civic organizations of West Palm Beach launched definite plans for formation of "Big Brother" and "Big Sister" groups. County Judge Richard P. Robbins, Joe A. Youngblood, superintendent of schools, and George F. Bensel, president of the Chamber of Commerce, compose the committee.

STATE GENERAL

Southern Nurserymen.—Jacksonville will be the 1927 convention city for the Southern Nurserymens' Association according to W. L. Whitehead, chairman of the convention committee of the chamber of commerce. The association met last week in Atlanta with approximately 150 nurserymen in attendance. It is estimated that 200 will attend the Jacksonville meetings next year.

State University.—The University of Florida, located at Gainesville, opened Monday to receive 2,000 students for the 1926-27 year.

Tallahassee.—Work on Florida's new $300,000 state building has begun. Contract for the building was let some time ago by the board of commissioners of state institutions to C. A. Fulgham, of Pensacola. The structure will consist of a sub-basement and three floors of 70 rooms. In addition to the state road department and motor vehicle workers, the offices of the state livestock sanitary board, geologist, game and fresh water fish and one or two other departments will be housed there.

Clearwater.—Death in the electric chair, the time to be fixed by the governor in his death warrant, was the penalty meted out to Lewis Curtis, alias Thomas, and Arthur Reed, alias Davenport, when they were brought before Judge Freeman P. Lane Friday at the close of the trial of their two women companions, who had just been sentenced to a year each in the state penitentiary for their part in the killing of a Tarpon Springs police officer while they were robbing a store.

Tallahassee.—The first movement of Florida's 1926 citrus crop began to go forward between September 10 and 15. The state's forces are all in readiness for the year's production, it was stated. Inspectors are ready to be on the ground, and a shipment of tax certificate has just been received here. The certificates are in denominations of $4.50 for cars of 300 boxes; $5.40 for 350 boxes; 15 cents to increase carloads, and one and a half cents to increase boxes. The certificates were provided for under a law of 1925, for the purpose of attesting to the maturity of the fruit.

SOUTH FLORIDA

Miami.—Dade county Republicans will meet in convention Thursday, September 30 at the Miami city hall to select a county ticket for the November election. A nominating committee now is working on the list of candidates. Leroy Householder of Cocoa, Republican candidate for congress from the fourth district, will be present. Candidates for every Dade county elective office will be named.

Fort Pierce.—Renewed vigor in the dredging of the Fort Pierce inlet and harbor channel has been ordered by the inlet board following a consultation with Col. J. M. Braxton, consulting engineer. One of the large dredges has been placed about midway in the Indian river. Some delay in this work was caused by the hurricane late in July.

Tavares.—At a meeting of citizens of Lake county the commissioners of the Upper Oklawaha navigation district were instructed to employ an engineer for the preliminary survey preparatory to presenting a bond issue covering the cost of the work. The district was created at the last state legislature along with similar districts in Orange and Osceola for the purpose of esatblishing an inland waterway from Jacksonville to the Kissimmee river and through the lakes of Central Florida into the Kissimmee river.

Fort Myers.—Claude Ogilvie was named attorney for the county commissioners to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Walter O. Shepperd. Other applicants for the position were Judge E. A. Magaha, Judge E. Edwards Campbell and S. Watt Lawler.

Sebring Elks Lodge.—Institution of Sebring Elk's Lodge 1529, B. P. O. E., will be held held Thursday night, October 7, according to arrangements made with W. S. Irwin of Lakeland, district deputy. Ed Wolf, H. P. Ballou and C. D .Hoyt composed the committee on arrangements. The institution will be conducted by the Lakeland lodge.

Fort Pierce.—Establishment of a new industry, shark catching, in Fort Pierce seems to be an assured fact. Oscar W. Johansen, who has been in Fort Pierce for the past few weeks, looking over this territory, left Wednesday night for New York, where he will confer with the president of the Ocean Leather Company and make final arrangements for locating in this city.

Sebring.—Contract for the construction of the concrete arch bridge at the south end of Lake Jackson was awarded by the city council to the Luten Bridge Company. The amount of the bid was $425,000 and the contract was awarded subject to the sale of the bonds. The funds for the city's share of the cost of construction are now in the bank and the city council at once adopted a resolution providing for the sale of $425,000 worth of bonds to pay the property owners share of the cost of the entire road and bridge project.

Fort Myers.—Having been requested to forsake dollar chasing in the sordid tradesman's mart, gather the Arab gang, entrust their goods unto their slaves, kiss the Sheba farewell and steer the camel's beak for the sheltering dome of Morocco temple, local Shriners are preparing to attend a ceremonial at Sanford on October 20.

Lake Wales.—Major J. C. Watkins, representative of the Empire Land Company, shot and killed himself the day after his daughter's marriage. He was a native of Pike county, Mo., and came to Florida in 1919.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

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Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 4028, dated the 3rd day of July A. D. 1922, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot A Reverie as in P. B. 7, page 61. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3831, dated the 3rd day of July A. D. 1922, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 9 block 57 North Deerfield as in P .B. 6 pages 11 to 14 inclusive. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 5899, dated the 1st day of August A. D. 1921, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lots 9 and 10 block 249 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pages 29 to 40 inc. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Samuel E. Phillips. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2334, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: E1-2 of NE1-4 of SE1-4 of NE1-4 section 11, township 46 south, range 42 east, 5 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Wesley Jenne. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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REPORT OF LAKE AND CANAL LEVELS—WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 1926

		Caloosa. No. 1	Miami No. 1	N. N. R. No. 1	Hills. No. 1	Palm Beach 1	St. Lucie No. 1	St. Lucie No. 2	Palm Beach 2	Hills. No. 2	N. N. R. No. 4	S. N. R. No. 1	Miami No. 4	Caloosa. No. 2	Caloosa. No. 3
Sunday	Upper Pool	18.7	18.5	18.5	18.6	18.4	18.02	11.0	5.7	7.3	6.5	4.0	2.6	15.1	13.6
August 29	Lower Pool	16.0	18.5	17.6	17.8	18.4	18.02	3.5	0.4	7.3	4.6	4.0	2.6	15.1	13.6
Monday	Upper Pool	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.7	18.4	18.05	10.5	5.5	7.0	6.4	3.9	2.6	15.3	13.9
August 30	Lower Pool	16.2	18.5	17.6	17.8	18.4	18.05	3.7	0.3	7.0	4.5	3.9	2.6	15.3	13.9
Tuesday	Upper Pool	18.7	18.5	18.6	18.7	18.5	18.15	10.0	5.4	6.8	6.2	3.9	2.7	15.2	13.9
August 31	Lower Pool	16.2	18.5	17.6	17.8	18.2	18.15	3.0	0.6	6.8	4.3	3.9	2.7	15.2	13.9
Wednesday	Upper Pool	18.7	18.6	18.7	18.7	18.5	18.18	10.0	5.3	6.8	6.1	3.7	2.7	15.1	13.7
September 1	Lower Pool	16.0	18.6	17.6	17.8	18.1	18.18	3.0	0.3	6.8	4.1	3.7	2.7	15.1	13.7
Thursday	Upper Pool	18.7	18.6	18.7	18.7	18.5	18.20	10.0	5.2	6.7	6.0	3.6	2.6	15.0	13.6
September 2	Lower Pool	16.1	18.6	17.7	17.8	18.1	18.20	3.0	0.3	6.7	3.9	3.6	2.6	15.0	13.6
Friday	Upper Pool	18.7	186.	18.7	18.7	18.5	18.20	10.0	5.2	6.7	5.8	3.5	2.6	14.9	13.3
September 3	Lower Pool	16.2	18.3	17.7	17.8	18.0	18.20	10.0	0.0	6.7	3.6	3.5	2.6	14.9	13.3
Saturday	Upper Pool	18.7	18.6	18.8	18.8	18.5	18.24	10.0	5.0	6.5	5.7	2.5	2.6	14.8	13.0
September 4	Lower Pool	16.2	18.3	17.6	17.7	17.9	18.24	3.0	0.2	6.5	3.3	3.5	2.6	14.8	13.0

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Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2986, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 5 block 76 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Arthur W. Schroeder. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2397, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Tract 81, Palm Beach Farms Co., plat 1 Sub-div. section 30, township 46, south, range 42 east, 5 acres. (The other description on said certificate has been redeemed.) The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of E. L. Reid. Unless said part certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.
First publication, Aug. 13th, 1926.
Last publication Sept. 17th, 1926.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that Mary Evelyn Merritt, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 1147, dated the 7th day of July, A. D. 1924, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach county, Florida, to-wit: Lots A to T inc., tract 3 Philo Farms sub-div. of E½ and SW¼, section 36, township 40 south, range 41 east, 20 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 2nd day of October, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 18th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 4030, dated the 3rd day of July A. D. 1922, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot C Reverie as in P. B. 7, page 61. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno,
Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.
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Last publication Sept. 17th, 1926.

Banking Department, State of Florida, office of comptroller, Tallahassee, No. 352.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned it has been made to appear that a banking company under the name of Bank of Canal Point, located at Canal Point, Florida, and organized under the Laws of Florida, has complied with all the provisions required to be complied with by the Banking Laws of the State of Florida before a company shall be authorized to commence the business of banking.

Now, Therefore, I Ernest Amos, Comptroller of the State of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 4131 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida, certify that the Bank of Canal Point of Canal Point in the county of Palm Beach and the State of Florida is authorized to commence the business of banking under the name above given with a capital stock of twenty-five thousand dollars.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this twelfth day of July A. D. One Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Six.

Ernest Amos,
(SEAL) Comptroller State of Florida.

SIMON ANALYZES REPLY TO QUERIES

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in consideration that had they followed their 1921 policy this damage and destruction could and would have been prevented.

"You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all the time."

Why not at least two members of the I. I. board be residents of the Everglades drainage district, who will be on the ground to see and do the necessary things that ought to be done instead of wasting precious time in transmitting facts to a board 400 miles away, who cannot act in time to avert damages?

I had almost overlooked the spokesman's reasons for not opening the locks after the crops were harvested, and am inclined to let the answer to this, as given by The Everglades News of August 20, on page 2, stand, as being very clever, as well as polite.

The spokesman's general policy in attempting to answer questions and making explanations, is to set up a false hypothesis and then proceed to argue from this false basis. Read his entire article of August 13 and then try if you can, to apply it to the main subject at issue: "Has the I. I. board a right to sell high shore land beyond the meander line, along a permanent navigable body of water, with regular, well defined shore, said land being covered with a dense growth of weeds, grass, willows and alders, etc."

This article is neither applicable or pertinent to the main subject under consideration. Another spokesman says Lake Okeechobee was not navigable until after he had accompanied Henry Disston on a trip from Fort Myers to the lake in 1883 and sailed from Kissimmee to Fort Myers. He further says in order to perform this feat he had to use four yoke of oxen. Just what this episode had to do with making Lake Okeechobee navigable is not quite clear. Perhaps it was the magic wand used in driving the four yoke of oxen that made the lake navigable. Not being an eye witness to this wonderful contortion, I am compelled to accept the evidence for what it is worth.

I must confess that I am so dense that I cannot see why this is not conclusive evidence that the I. I. board has a right to sell the shore land under discussion; however, this seems to be the line of argument of the spokesman to get as far away from the subject as possible and then proceed to enlighten (?) you.

Next we find a spokesman floundering around that little shallow, non-navigable mud lake, Hicpochee, and declaring that this lake and the canals entering and leaving it are held in trust by the I. I. board. Who has said they do or do not own these? More conclusive evidence that the I. I. board has a right to sell accretion along a permanent body of navigable water 50 miles away!

The spokesman's article of August 20th will now be reviewed, in short. He says "my understanding of the 1919 legislative act, by 'direct inquiry'." (The mysterious interviewed not named.) Notice closely the spokesman selects one section of the law only, namely, section 1, and by "direct inquiry" he finds that all other parts of that legislative act must be excluded. This is very generous as well as clever and the spokesman can hardly be to blame for his generosity: Because had he taken the entire act his "direct inquiries" would have been very much disturbed and in fact his understanding would have been shown to be a misunderstanding.

Sec. 1 of this act says: "Such title as the State of Florida has in all submerged wet or low lands not embraced under the provisions of the Swamp Grant Act of September 28, 1850, which have been or may hereafter drained or reclaimed," etc., which title is now in the state." Here again a false basis is set up. This act refers to such land as was not included in the 1850 grant. The high shore land came under the 1850 grant and section 1 of 1919 legislative act does not apply.

Bear in mind the I. I. board is claiming the right to sell the high shore land between the government meander line in township 41 south and range 37 east. I laid this down as the unit for discussion in my first article I think. I happen to own some land in this township and should the I. I. board sell this shore land or even attempt to sell it this would interfere with my riparian rights, so the legislative act of 1919 wisely guarded against any misconstruction of this, such as the spokesman has endeavored to place on it by "direct inquiry."

I quote Sec. 3 of the 1919 legislative act, which provides that nothing in this act contained shall be construed as in anywise affecting riparian rights now or heretofore existing under the laws of this state, but it is expressly provided that the provisions hereof shall apply only to such lands as the Department of the Interior has declined to convey to the state.

Has the spokesman the audacity to claim that the government declined to convey to the state in 1850 the shore line in township 41 south and range 37 east between the meander line and the lake? Should he have such temerity, I might disabuse his mind in the matter by quoting the substance of the U. S. supreme court decision covering the same:

"The meander line along permanent navigable bodies of water is run to determine the number of acres to be patented and sold and does not mark the extent of ownership, but the ownership extends beyond the meander line to the water's edge as shown by plat."

The spokesman reminds me of the fellow who said I can prove or disprove anything on earth by the Bible, providing you will let me pick out such passages of scripture as I desire and exclude all others.

The spokesman endeavors to show that Sec. 1, 1919 act, gives the I. I. board authority to sell lake bottom land: If we grant for the sake of argument they have a right to sell lake bottom land, this is not pertinent, as we challenged their right to sell this shore land, which is covered with a growth of vegetation. What is lake bottom land? That from which the water has entirely wrested vegetation. Where is the spokesman's argument? On a foreign subject and not the main issue.

While I am not a lawyer or the son of a lawyer nor have I had the aid of a lawyer or even anyone by "direct inquiry" or indirect inquiry in this discussion. However the spokesman reminds me, by his sidestepping and pussyfooting of an old fashioned country lawyer. And this reminds me of a story of the old fashioned country doctor, who called to see a very sick patient and on being asked the nature of the patient's illness, he parried and sidestepped a direct answer, and at the same time proceeded to dish out medicine for his patient, giving instructions when and how to give it to the patient. "But," remonstrated the household, "what are you giving this medecine for?" The doctor replied, "to throw the patient into fits, then I will know just what the trouble is and know how to treat the patient for I am h— on curing fits."

In a former article in The Everglades News I quoted the 47th So. Reporter as sustaining in principle some of my arguments and this was objected to as old and relating to a river case and then the spokesman proceeded straightway to quote the 79th Florida, which was a river case, on tide water besides. If splitting hairs make a difference, here you have it.

If the spokesman wanted an up-to-date case, why did he sdiestep the Goodno case? Syllabus of the Supreme Court of Florida; Secs. 2c, 6c, 8, page 672; Secs. 1c, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 9, page 675?

I might call attention to several unanswered questions, one important—"Other considerations" for keeping Lake Okeechobee at the 17-foot level. As the true answer to this might be embarrassing and would probably not be given, we pass.

We pass several attempted answers; however, one we will incidentally refer to.

In my article of June 20th, I asked Attorney General Johnson if he believed all citizens of the state should be accorded the same rights and privileges and if he did so believe, would he recommend the next legislature to pass a riparian right bill giving the same rights and privileges to those on fresh water that the 1921 legislature gave to those on tide water.

The spokesman I presume had or was given license to sidestep direct answers to my questions; but where he obtained his license to revise my questions to General Johnson June 20th, unless by "direct inquiry" I am at a loss to know. See revised questions and answers in The Everglades News August 29th. It took just two long months to perform the feat. Read the attempted answer, if it is worth the reading. Sympathy for the little fishes seemed to be the most important part in his answer. In fact his whole answer, or rather attempted answer seemed very fishy, largely consisting of a long drawn out hypothetical answer, that the ordinary reader would not understand and probably not intended to be understood and the chances are the spokesman failed to understand them except by "direct inquiry."

In conclusion I want to thank the editor of The Everglades News for his work, patience, and tolerance of these rambling articles, originally designed to get some definite information regarding the rights of citizens to shore lands bordering Lake Okeechobee and the policy of the I. I. board relative to the management, or as many believe, the mismanagement of the drainage of the Everglades.

It is hoped that the readers of The Everglades News has received some information from these articles.

If there are no objections this entire subject will be turned over to the tender care and mercy of the editor of The Everglades News. This will include the spokesman, as everyone knows the editor's ability to handle such gently, courageously and considerately.

L. N. SIMON.

HOSTESS DENIES SPANISH PRINCESS TO VISIT FLORIDA

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—The Chicago Journal today quoted Mrs. Bror G. Dahlberg, hostess to the Princess de Bourbon of Spain, as declaring in connection with a "poison pen" letter, that Chicago has a "washtub aristocracy."

An anonymous letter, typewritten, copies of which the Journal said had been sent various newspaper offices and one copy of which was in the hands of a society matron, asserted that the princess was to be used to advertise Florida acreage in which Mr. Dahlberg is understood to be interested.

"It isn't so, it is not so," Mrs. Dahlberg was quoted as saying as the Dahlberg party returned home from their estate in Minnesota.

Mr. Dahlberg, a wealthy manufacturer, laughter.

"The princess is not going to Florida," said Mr. Dahlberg. "She sails for Spain on the tenth of November, you see."

The Journal then quoted Mrs. Dahlberg as saying: "There's one woman in town who hates me! And that's because I won't have anything to do with her. Chicago has only a washtub aristocracy."

In the Dahlberg party, besides the princess, were Count Tamburni, an Italian artist, Miss Theodora Nelly of Memphis, and Cameron Hawkins, a consular attache at Hongkong.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY ROADS

FORT PIERCE, Sept. 8.—A let up in the heavy rains has permitted county road forces to proceed with the road projects which total 56 miles in length. This new highway system, which is to cover the back country of the county, will cost $850,000.

St. Lucie county will be a solid network of hard surfaced highways when the various projects now under way or contemplated are brought to completion.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that Jas. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2980, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 24 block 73 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Palm Beach Farms Co. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

(Seal) Fred E. Fenno, Clerk Circuit Court Palm Beach County, Florida.

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Under Section 777 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida

Notice is hereby given that Lena Hidger Mulligan purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3698, dated the 2nd day of July A. D. 1923, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: All of block E. Hypoluxo Island sub-division being a part of Gov. lot 3, section 10, township 45 south, range 43 east. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that Jas. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2854, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 28 block 9 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of F. J. Ochsner. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that Jas. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3401, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 11 block 241 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of H. F. Noyes. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 5117, dated the 3rd day of July A. D. 1922, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 11 block 188 Town of Lake Worth. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Marie Wollman. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that Jas. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3375, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lots 5 and 6 block 225 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Wm. H. Parsons. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that Jas. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3095, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 31 block 125 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Hilbert Anderson. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2369, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Tracts 105 and 106 Palm Beach Farms Co., plat 1 Sub-div. section 20, township 46 south, range 42 east, 10 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Cliford Ganupp. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that Jas. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 3001, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 7 block 80 Town of Lake Worth as recorded in plat book 2 pp 29 to 40. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of James Brehaut. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this the 6th day of August, A. D. 1926.

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Notice is hereby given that J. Mulligan, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 2410, dated the 6th day of September A. D. 1920, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, to-wit: E1-2 of SW1-4 of NE1-4 of SW1-4, section 34, township 46 south, range 42 east, 5 acres. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of J. L. Powers. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 20th day of September, A. D. 1926.

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NOT VERY BRAVE

Re-flooding of farm lands recently because of the incomplete condition of West Palm Beach canal is a sad thing but a sadder feature is the fresh evidence of the paralyzing fear of the Tallahassee clique that controls Everglades drainage district.

Men at whose voices wives cringe and affrighted children seek mothers' skirts themselves cringe and fawn out of dread of what Governor Martin and Mr. Luning and the rest of the board may do to them if they say their souls are their own. "Mr. Elliot might not like it!"—that is the great handicap to progress in drainage and development.

What kind of men are these "big land owners," these kingly entrepreneurs, these "wealthy realtors," these kings of finance, these great visioned geniuses, who haven't the guts to say to the whole cock-eyed world what they whisper behind their hands. If they are so afraid of Martin and Elliot, why should anyone be afraid of them?